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London and *Westminster*, concerning the staying of the
Queenes intended voyage into *Holland*, with many se-
rious causes and weighty reasons, (which they
desire) may induce the *Honourable*
House to detain her *Majesty*.

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*The Petition of divers Courtiers, Citizens, and Tradesmens wives
concerning the staying of the Queenes intended Voyage into Holland. sheweth,*

THat your petitioners, their Husbands, their Children, and their Families, amounting to many thousand soules, have lived in plentifull and good fashion, by the exercise of severall Trades, and venting of divers workes: For learning whereof, many of them have served Apprentiships, others taken houles and shops both in the Citie and Suburbs, and also in the Exchanges at very good rents: All depending wholly for the sale of their commodities, (which is the maintenance and very existence and being of themselves, their Husbands, and Families) upon the splendor and glory of the English Court; and principally upon that of the Queenes Majesty; By occasion of whose Royall presence we have hitherto had ready utterance for our commodities, and were thereby enabled to pay our rents, and live in good-repute: But upon late notice that her Majesty is resolved instantly to depart the Kingdom, we cannot but thereby fore-see an utter cessation & decay of all our Trading; So shall we become utterly disabled to pay our rents, support ourselves, or our families; and can apprehend nothing but distraction, penury, and ruine: O that our eminent and inevitable necessities will produce some violent effect. And your Petitioners have cause to feare that this sudden resolution in her Majestie is occasioned by some just distaste taken at divers unusuall and tumultuous assemblies, to the affright of her Royall person, and at the unpunisht printing of many licentious and scandalous pamphlets, some covertly, some plainly, wounding her sacred Majesty in the opinion of the vulgar, as an Abbetter or Counsellor of such designs. which are pretended to disturbe the peaceable government both of this Kingdome and Ireland: Whereas your Petitioners are confident She was not only a solicitous Mediator for the assembling of this gracious Parliament, but that since Her coming into this Kingdome She never did ill office to any particular Subject, but hath oft been an Instrument of many Acts of mercy and grace, to multitudes of distressed people.

And your petitioners likewise considering the great happinesse brought to this Nation in her princely Issue, of which native comfort this Nation hath been barren now almost a hundred yeeres; are the more encouraged,

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Humby to pray, *That this Honourable Assembly would give some speedy assistance to her Majesty, that the seditious and Instigators of such seditions & assaults and scandals shall be strictly inquired after, and punish'd; and that shee may receive such publique vindication by the Parliament, against all such calumniators of her sacred Majesty; and give Her that due honour and reverence wee are sure She merits, and give us in Petition for her continuall residence amongst us: whereby shee receiving full assurance of the love and fidelity of Her Subjects in this Kingdome; your Petitioners may with some comfort addresse themselves to Her Majesties compassion of her affectionate people. humbly to pray her stay,*
And your Petitioners shall daily pray, &c.



TO THE
KINGS MOST EXCELLENT
MAIESTIE.

*The humble Petition of the Lords and Commons
now assembled in PARLIAMENT.*



He present Evils and Calamities where-
with your Kingdomes are most miserably in-
tangled, the eminent dangers which threaten
your Royall person, and all your people, have
caused us your most faithfull and obedient sub-
jects, the *Lords and Commons* in this present
Parliament, with thankfulness to entertaine, and
with all earnestnes of affection and endeavour to pursue the gra-
cious proposition and direction which not long since we have re-
ceived from your Majestie: and we have therupon taken into our
most serious consideration, the wayes and meanes of securing the
safetie of your royall person, preserving the Honour and Authori-
ty of your Crowne, removing all jealousies betwixt your M-
jestie and your people, suppressing the rebellion in *Ireland*, preventing
the feares and dangers in this Kingdome, and the mischievous
Designes of those who are enemies to the peace of it. And that
we may with more comfort and security accomplish our duties
herein, we most humbly beseech your Majestie, That you will be
pleased forth-with to put the Tower of London, and all other
Forts and whole *Militia* of the Kingdome, into the hands of such
persons as shall bee recommended unto your Majestie by both
Houses of *Parliament*, which they assure themselves will bee a
hopefull entrance into those courses, which (through Gods bles-

...dependence and
apprehension betwixt your Majestie and your People; and
for establishing and enlarging the Honour, greatnesse, and power
of your Majestie and royall posterity, and for the restoring and
confirming the peace and happinesse of loyall subjects in all
your Dominions.

And to this our most necessary *Petition* we in all humilitie ex-
pect your Majesties speedy and gracious answer, the great distra-
ctions and distempers of the Kingdome, not admitting any delay.

To the KINGs most excellent *Majestie.*

*The humble Petition of the Lords and Commons now
assembled in PARLIAMENT.*

Sheweth,

THat whereas your Majesty by a *Message* sent to both Houses
of *Parliament*, signified an apprehension of some Treason-
able matter to have beene committed by the Lord *Kymbol-*
ton, Mr. *Hobbs*, Sir *Arthur Hazlerig*, Mr. *Pym*, Mr. *Hampden*, and
Mr. *Strode*; and thereby declared your Majesties intention to
proceed against them in an unquestionable way. We the *Lords*
and *Commons* in this present *Parliament* assembled, did make our
humble *Petition* to your Majesty, to beseech your Majesty to give
directions that your *Parliament* might be informed before Tues-
day then next ensuing, what prooffe there was against them, that
accordingly there might be legall and Parliamentary proceeding
against them, whereby they might be brought to condigne pu-
nishment, if guilty; or discharged from so heavy an accusation
if innocent. And whereas your Majesty was graciously pleased
Answer to *Petition* to expresse your good approbation of the Hou-
ses for the speedy proceeding against the persons in that petiti-
on mentioned; yet your Majesty gave no other satisfaction to
their desire then this; That your Majesty held it necessary,
lest a new mistake should breed more delayes that it should bee
resolved, whether your Majesty were bound in respect of privi-
ledges to proceed against them by impeachment in that Parlia-
ment, or to be left at libertie to prefer an Indictment at the Com-
mon law, in the usuall way to have your choice of either; and
we finding still that there is no legall and Parliamentary proceed-
ings.

things against them, and that they still lie under the burden of that high Charge. We think it our duty once againe to beseech your Maiesty to give direction, that your parliament may be informed before Friday next, what prooffe there is against them, that accordingly they may be called to a legall Trial, it being the undoubted right and priviledge of parliament, That no member of parliament can be proceeded against without the consent of parliament. And this we most humbly conceive our selves obliged to aske, it being no lesse agreeable with Justice, to have the innocency of parties unjustly charged, manifested, then to bring the nocent to their iust punishment.

*His Majesties answer to two Petitions of the Lords
and Commons delivered, Febr. 2. 1641.*

HIS Maiesty having well considered of the two severall Petitions presented unto him on Wednesday the second of this moneth, from both Houses of Parliament, and being desirous to expresse how willing he is to apply a remedy, not only to your dangers, but to your doubts and feares; he therefore, to that Petition which concernes the Forts and *Militia* of this Kingdome, returnes this answer; That when he shall know the extent of power which is intended to be established in those persons, whom you desire to be the Commanders of the *Militia* in severall Countie; and likewise to what time it shall be limited, that no power shall be executed by his Maiesty alone, without the advice of Parliament,

Then he will declare, That (for the securing you from all dangers of ielousies of any) His Maiesty will be content to put in all the places, both of Forts and *Militia* in the severall Countie, such persons as both the Houses of parliament shall either approve or recommend, unto him, so that you declare before unto his Maiesty, the names of the persons whom you approve or recommend: unlesse such persons shall be named, against whom he shall have iust and unquestionable exceptions.

To the other petition, concerning the members of either House, His Maiesty returnes this answer, That he once conceived, that he had ground enough to accuse them, so now his Maiesty findes as good cause wholly to desert any prosecution of them.

And for a further testimony of his Majesties reall Intention towards all his loving Subjects (some of whom haply may be involved in some unknown and unwilling errors.) For better composing and settling all feares and jealousies, of what kind soever, His Maie-
 stie is ready to grant as free and generall a Pardon for the full contentment of all his loving Subjects, as shall by the approbation of both Houses of *Parliament* be thought cōvenient for that purpose.

His Majesties consent for the Princeesse Maries going to Holland; And her Majesty to accompany her thither.

HIS Maiesty being very much pressed by the States Ambassador to send the Princeesse his Daughter immediately into *Holland*; and being likewise earnestly desired by his royall Consort, the Queen, to give her Maiesty leave to accompany her Daughter thither; hath thought fit to consent to both desires, and to make this his Majesties resolution knowne to his Parliament.

Her Majesties Answer to a Message of both Houses.

THE Queene having received a message [from both houses of Parliament by the Earle of *Newport* and the Lord *Seymour*, intimating unto her, that she had bin told that the House of Commons had an intencion to accuse her of high Treason, and that Articles to that purpose had bin shewed unto her, returns this answer,

That there was a generall report of an Accusation intended against her, but she never saw any Articles in writing, and having no certain Author, either for the one, or for the other, shee gave little credit thereunto, and much lesse now being assured from the House of Commons that never any such thing came into their thoughts.

Nor will she believe they would lay an aspersion upon her, who hath ever bin very unapt so far to misconstrue the actions of any one person, and much more the proceedings of Parliament, and shall at all times wish a happy understanding betweene the King and his people.

His

*His Majesties Message to the House of Commons,
FEBRUARY 7. 1641.*

HIS Majesty taking notice of a Speech, pretending in the Title to have been delivered by Master *Pym* in a Conference, and printed by Order of the House of Commons, in which it is affirmed, That since the stop upon the Ports against all *Irish Papists* by both Houses, many of the chiefe Commanders, now in the head of the Rebels, have beene suffered to passe by His Majesties immediate Warrant; And being very certaine of having used extreme caution in the granting of *Passports* into *Ireland*; So that He conceives, either this Paper not to have beene so delivered and printed as it pretends, or this House to have received some mis-information;

His Majesty would be resolved, Whether this Speech were so delivered and printed, and if it were, would have this House to review upon what Informations that particular was grounded, that either that may be found upon re-examination to have been false, and both this House and his Majesty injured by it; Or that his Majestie may know by what meanes, and by whose fault, His Authority hath beene so highly abused, as to be made to conduce to the assistance of that Rebellion, which Hee so much detests and abhors, and that He may see Himselfe fully vindicated from all reflections of the least suspicion of that kinde.

*The Humble Answer of the Honourable House of
Commons to the Kings Majesties last Message, FEB. 7. 1641.
In defense of the Speech lately spoken by M^r. PYM.*

YOUR Majesties most loyall and faithfull Subjects, the Commons now assembled in Parliament, have taken into their serious consideration the message received from your Majesty the 7th of this instant *February*, And doe acknowledge that the Speech therein mentioned to be delivered by Master *Pym* in

in a Conference, was printed by their Order, and that what was therein delivered, was agreeable to the sense of the House: And touching that passage wherein it is affirmed, that since the stop upon the Ports against *Irish Papists*, by both Houses, many of the chiefe Commanders now in the head of the Rebels, have beene suffered to passe by your Majesties immediate Warrants. They present your Majesty with this their humble Answer.

That they have received divers advertisements concerning severall persons, *Irish* and other *Papists*, which have obtained your Majesties immediate Warrants for their passing into *Ireland*, since the Order of restraint of both Houses; some of which, as they have beene informed, (since their comming into *Ireland*,) have joyned with the Rebels, and beene Commandrs amongst them, and some others have beene stayd, and are yet in safe custody: Particularly, the Lord *Delvin*, and foure other persons in his company, whereof one is thought to be a *Priest*. One *Colonel Butler*, brother to the Lord *Montgarat*, now in rebellion, and Sir *George Hamilton*, all which are *Papists*, and one other (as is reported) being sonne of the Lord *Nessersfield*, whose father and brother are both in rebellion. The particular names of others we have not yet received, but doubt not but upon examination they may be discovered.

And your Majesties most faithfull Subjects are very sorry, that the extreme caution which your Majesty hath used, hath beene so ill seconded with the diligence and faithfulness of you Ministers. And that your Royall Authority should be so highly abused, although (as it was exprest in that Speech by Master *Pym*) we believe, it was by the procurement of some evill instruments too neere your Royall Person, without your Majesties knowledge and intention. And we beseech your Majesty to take such course, that not onely your Honour may be vindicated for the time past, but your Kingdome may be secured from the like mischief for the time to come.

Read, and by Vote upon the Question, assented unto.

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